

# CARSON/TAHOE ACBL UNIT 465

## BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

March 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at the Carson City Senior Center by Vicki Rowe at 10:10 am.

Board members present were Vicki Rowe, Judy Sarris, Midge Breeden. Mike Uva, and Eileen Angelucci. Absent was Paul Pugsley.

#### Old Business

**Mike Uva moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Midge Breeden seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.**

**Judy Sarris moved to accept the January treasurer's report. Vicki Rowe seconded. Treasurer's report approved unanimously.**

Board discussed some of the takeaways from the Valentine's Day dinner. Comments were mostly positive. Some people had problems with the food. But volunteers wanted events in the future that did not require so much work on our part. We can do cheaper events throughout the year but should still have one really nice event each year.

Having a two section (Open and 299er) game seems to be working well. We will continue this on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month in Carson City. Glen Rowe would also like to implement a Pro-Am game in the future. The survey indicated more interest in Swiss team games than Pro-Am games. Consideration was given to doing both in one game. There was much confusion about what a Pro-Am team game should look like. *It was decided that we should table the discussion and consult the directors to see what they would like to see.*

The ongoing discussion about snacks on Wednesdays continued. Sign-ups are going OK but there will be weeks where no one signs up. Eileen Angelucci will compile 2 sets of snacks (sweet and savory) to keep in storage in case no one signs up to provide snacks in the future. *We can all contribute dry goods to that stash.*

There was more discussion about ways to promote bridge in the community – what age groups are appropriate, how to develop a plan, what is taught, supervised games, supplies needed, etc. – to teach and encourage young and old to start playing bridge. Members have found numerous aids on line and with other bridge organizations like Mathewson Center and Robert Todd. But we have no one to organize and implement those plans.

It was agreed that we need to have a plan and programs before we engage some of these groups. We need to find someone who will accept responsibility for driving this project. There are plenty of people willing to assist but no one who will take charge and organize and drive the effort. *We agreed to ask around and request that Kathy publish an appeal via email and on the website for people willing to participate in an outreach program. Then we will call a special meeting of willing participants to choose a leader to design and implement a program.* Hopefully, we can implement a plan to start the next school year.

## New Business

Mike Uva presented an updated Treasurer's report and budget for 2026. There were some errors in the report which Mike agreed to correct and resend to the board for approval at the next meeting. Judy Sarris suggested Mike use Quicken or Quickbooks to create a real set of books that produce detailed reports including specific categories of income and expenses. It would create reports automatically and help in generating a suggested budget based on previous actual expenses to be refined based on expectations for the future. *She agreed to help Mike set this up.*

Mike also reported the results of his investigation into the status of the Unit as a corporation. Unit 465 is a 501(C)4 organization under the umbrella of ACBL district 21 for tax filing purposes. Each unit produces their own 1099's and the District produces tax reports.

Mike also informed us of the problem with Wells Fargo in removing old board members from the bank account. We need to get a statement on Unit letterhead stating the changes to the Unit's principal members presented to the bank by 2 of the officers who will then sign for the changes in front of a bank officer. *Mike will prepare and he and Vicki will interface with the bank.*

Vicki Rowe believed the bank account should not exceed \$6,000. If it does, the excess should be donated to a charity of the board's choosing at the end of the year. *The board agreed to table that discussion until the next meeting. Mike will look at the detail and make a recommendation.*

Reno's Mathewson Bridge Center has purchased new, state-of-the-art bridgemates. Glen Rowe has purchased the old bridgemates and a controller including case for \$200 from them for the Gardnerville game. There was a discussion as to whether the unit should reimburse Glen for the purchase so the unit owns the bridgemates. There were a lot of bridgemates that were no good but Reno said Glen would have access to all the good ones he needed. **Judy Sarris moved that the Unit reimburse Glen for the bridge mates. Mike Uva seconded.**

**Board approved.** *So Glen will be reimbursed for the purchase and the bridge mates will become the property of the unit to will go with the Gardnerville game no matter who owns/runs it.*

Which brought up the problem of the asset list. Mike Uva wanted Paul Pugsley to complete a correct and verifiable asset list for unit and individual game assets since he had previously worked on a list and likely knows the whereabouts of most of the unit assets. The treasurer will need the information to maintain the asset list as part of the unit's financial books and will, in the future, perform any updates to the list as necessary.

Several alterations have been requested/submitted for By-law revisions.

1. Mike Uva wanted to include a definition of Unit 465 as a 501(C)4 tax-exempt nonprofit organization that promotes social welfare and can engage in some lobbying and political activities. He will provide additional verbiage to be added.
2. Vicki Rowe wanted to add a statement that the Unit will maintain records of assets owned by the unit and various unit clubs to the purpose of the unit.
3. Vicki also wants to change section 7.2 to remove the sentence about the President not serving more than 3 years since no one else has volunteered to be president at the end of her term.

*Judy Sarris will prepare a petition to be signed by at least 5 members of the board for approval by 2/3 of those present at the next annual meeting in which they are introduced.*

The board voted to continue subsidizing the purchase of name badges for unit members. The Unit will pay \$5 toward the purchase of any badge, new or replacement, for those who want them. **The motion to continue to subsidize was made by Midge Breeden, seconded by Vicki Rowe and approved unanimously.**

Some preliminary plans for future events were discussed in order to secure dates and venues for some of the more popular activities.

1. *It was decided that there would be a summer Bar-B-Que where the unit would provide the meat and paper and plastic supplies. Attendees would bring pot luck additions and their own drinks. Carson Bar-B-Que was suggested for the meat. Mills Park pavilion (50 & Roop) was suggested as venue. People can bring games. We will shoot for July 18 at Mills Park at 11am.*

2. Eileen suggested a casino location for the Christmas party where we did not have to do all the work required of past events. *We will shoot for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Eileen will check full service venues for that date. People will purchase their own alcoholic beverages from the venue.*

3. In response to the survey we also discussed having games where we would play bridge, then eat in the cafeteria. A spring and fall social game seemed perfect to balance out the summer and Christmas events. *Everyone liked that idea and it will be discussed further in the future.*

**Mike motioned to adjourn at 11:50. Vick seconded. Approved.**

Judy Sarris

Secretary